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Dryer

Use & Care Guide

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Important Safety Instructions

Installer: Please leave this guide with this appliance.

Consumer: Please read and keep this guide for future reference. Keep sales receipt and/or canceled check as proof of purchase.

Have complete model and serial number identification of your appliance. This is located on the left-hand side of the door opening of your appliance. Record these numbers below for easy access.

Model Number _____

Serial Number _____

Date of Purchase_____

In our continuing effort to improve the quality and performance of our appliances, it may be necessary to make changes to the appliance without revising this guide.

Note: When writing or calling about a service problem, please include the following information:

a. Your name, address and telephone number.

b. Model number and serial number.

c. Name and address of your dealer and the date the appliance was purchased.

d. A clear description of the problem you are having.

e. Proof of purchase.

What You Need to Know About Safety Instructions

Warning and Important Safety Instructions appearing in this guide are not meant to cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. Common sense, caution and care must be exercised when installing, maintaining or operating appliance.

This tumble dryer is intended only for drying textile material washed in water. **Do not** use it for any other purpose.

Always contact your dealer, distributor, service agent or the manufacturer about problems or conditions you do not understand.

Recognize Safety Symbols, Words, Labels

⚠ WARNING

WARNING – Hazards or unsafe practices which **COULD** result in severe personal injury or death.

⚠ CAUTION

CAUTION – Hazards or unsafe practices which **COULD** result in minor personal injury.

⚠ WARNING

For your safety, the information in this guide must be followed to minimize the risk of fire or explosion or to prevent property damage, personal injury or death.

- **Do not** store or use gasoline or other flammable vapors and liquids in the vicinity of this or any other appliance.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SMELL GAS

- **Do not** try to light any appliance.
- **Do not** touch any electrical switch.
- **Do not** use any phone in your building.
- Clear the room, building or area of all occupants.
- Immediately call your gas supplier from a neighbor's phone. Follow the gas supplier's instructions.
- If you cannot reach your gas supplier, call the fire department.

Installation and service must be performed by a qualified installer, service agency or the gas supplier. (See Installation Instructions).

⚠ WARNING! FIRE HAZARD

Do not place into your dryer items that have been spotted or soaked with vegetable oil or cooking oil. Even after being washed, these items may contain significant amounts of these oils. The remaining oil can ignite spontaneously. The potential for spontaneous ignition increases when the items containing vegetable oil or cooking oil are exposed to heat. Heat sources, such as your dryer, can warm these items, allowing an oxidation reaction in the oil to occur. Oxidation creates heat. If this heat cannot escape, the items can become hot enough to catch fire. Piling, stacking or storing these kinds of items may prevent heat from escaping and can create a fire hazard.

All washed and unwashed fabrics that contain vegetable oil or cooking oil can be dangerous. Washing these items in hot water with extra detergent will reduce, but will not eliminate, the hazard. Always use the **Cool Down** cycle for these items to reduce the items' temperature. **Never** remove these items from the dryer hot or interrupt the drying cycle until the items have run through the Cool Down cycle. **Never** pile or stack these items when they are hot.

Important Safety Instructions

⚠ WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire, explosion, electric shock, or personal injury when using your dryer, follow basic safety precautions, including the following:

1. Read all instructions *before* using the appliance.
2. To avoid the possibility of fire or explosion:
   a. **Do not** dry items that have been previously cleaned in, washed in, soaked in, or spotted with dry-cleaning solvents, other flammable or explosive substances as they give off vapors that could ignite or explode. Any material on which you have used a cleaning solvent, or which is saturated with flammable liquids or solids, **should not** be placed in the dryer until all traces of these flammable liquids or solids and their fumes have been removed. There are many highly flammable items used in homes, such as: acetone, denatured alcohol, gasoline, kerosene, some liquid household cleaners, some spot removers, turpentine, waxes and wax removers.
   b. Items containing foam rubber (may be labeled latex foam) or similarly textured rubber-like materials **must not** be dried on a heat setting. Foam rubber materials when heated, can under certain circumstances produce fire by spontaneous combustion. Rubber backed articles, clothes fitted with foam rubber pads, foam pillows, galoshes and rubber coated trainers **should not** be placed in the dryer.
3. **Do not** allow children or pets to play on, in, or in front of the appliance. Close supervision is necessary when the appliance is used near children and pets. This appliance is not for use by young children or infirm persons without supervision.
4. *Before* the appliance is removed from service or discarded, remove the door to the drying compartment.
5. **Do not** reach into the appliance if the drum is moving.
6. **Do not** install or store this appliance where it will be exposed to the weather.
7. **Do not** tamper with controls.
8. **Do not** repair or replace any part of the appliance or attempt any servicing unless specifically recommended in published user-repair instructions that you understand and have the skills to carry out. Disconnect the appliance from the power supply when not in use, *before* cleaning or when carrying out any user maintenance task.
9. **Do not** use fabric softeners or products to eliminate static unless recommended for dryer use by the manufacturer of the fabric softener or product.
10. If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced with a specifically terminated cord from an authorized service agent or similarly qualified person in order to avoid a hazard.
11. Plastic articles such as caps or babies waterproof napkin covers **should not** be dried with heat in the dryer.
12. **Do not** continue to use this appliance if it appears faulty.
13. Clean the lint screen before or after each load.
14. Keep the area around the exhaust opening and surrounding areas free from lint accumulation, dust and dirt.
15. The interior of the dryer and exhaust duct should be cleaned periodically by qualified service personnel.
16. This appliance must be properly grounded. **Never** connect the appliance cord to a power supply that is not grounded adequately and in accordance with local and national codes. See installation instructions for grounding this appliance.
17. **Do not** sit or stand on top of the dryer.

Important Safety Notice & Warning

Users of a gas appliance are hereby warned that the burning of gas can result in low–level exposure to some of the listed substances, including benzene, formaldehyde, and soot, due primarily to the incomplete combustion of natural gas or liquid petroleum (LP) fuels. Exhaust ducts should be kept free of obstructions and properly exhausted dryers will minimize exposure.

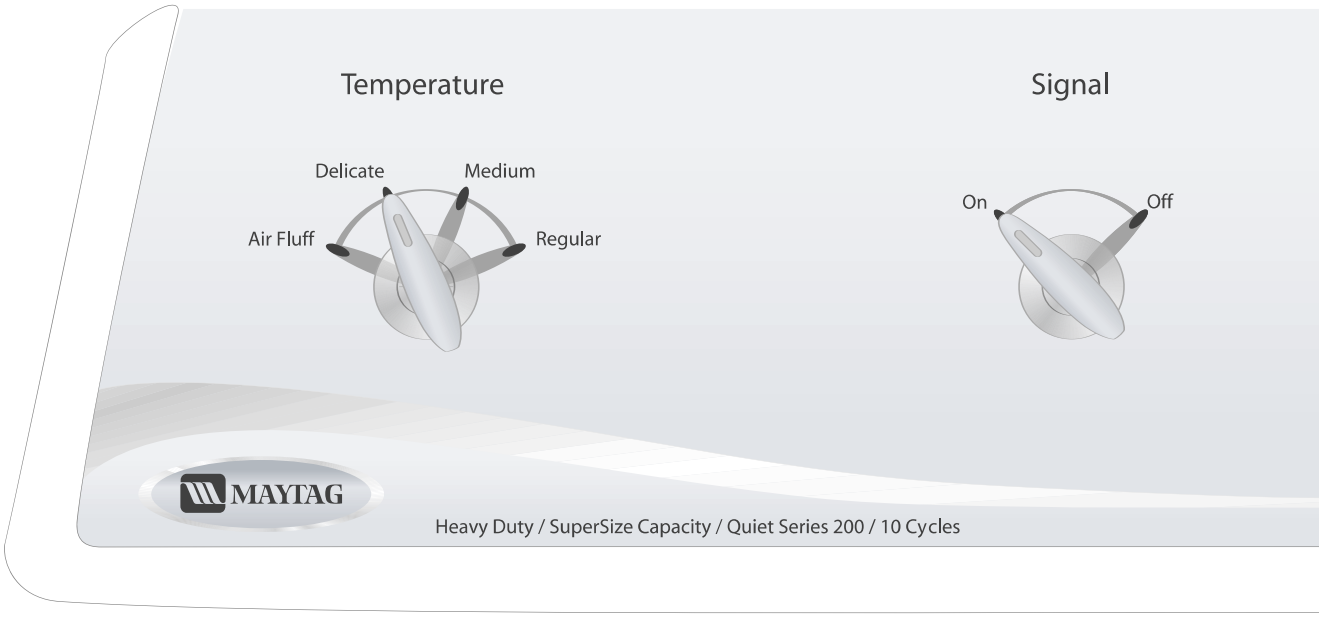
⚠ WARNING

Gas leaks may occur in your system and result in a dangerous situation. Gas leaks may not be detected by smell alone. Gas suppliers recommend you purchase and install an UL approved gas detector. Install and use in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Note: Because of continuing product improvements, we reserve the right to change specifications without notice. For complete details, see the Installation Instructions packed with your product *before* selecting cabinetry, making cutouts or beginning installation.

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

Using the Controls



STEP 1

Select Temperature

In order to select the correct temperature, turn the Temperature control to one of four choices; **Regular**, **Medium** (select models), **Delicate** or **Air Fluff**.

DRYER TEMPS	LOAD TYPE
Regular	Sturdy cottons or labels marked Tumble Dry.
Medium (select models)	For wrinkle-free/permanent press synthetics, lightweight cottons labeled Tumble Dry Medium.
Delicate	For heat sensitive items labeled Tumble Dry Low or Tumble Dry Medium.
Air Fluff	Items which need freshening. Load tumbles with room temperature air. Use the **Time Dry/Air Fluff** cycle.

STEP 2

Select Options

End of Cycle Signal (select models)

When the cycle is complete, a signal will sound. On select models, the End of Cycle Signal can be turned down or **Off**.

Remove load immediately to reduce wrinkling.

STEP 3

Select Cycle

To select a cycle, rotate the control dial to the desired setting. When using an Auto Dry cycle, the control dial should point between More Dry and Less Dry for most loads.

Loads of larger or bulkier size may require the More Dry setting to completely dry the load. The Less Dry setting is best suited for lightweight fabrics or for leaving some moisture in the clothing at the end of the cycle.

Auto Dry Regular

The Auto Dry Regular cycle is designed to dry most cottons and linens. At the end of the cycle, the clothes are cooled for approximately 10 minutes to reduce wrinkling.

Auto Dry Wrinkle Control

The Auto Dry Wrinkle Control cycle is designed to dry wrinkle-free cottons, synthetic fabrics, double knits and permanent press fabrics automatically. At the end of the cycle, the clothes are cooled for approximately 25 minutes to reduce wrinkling.

Cycles and options may vary by model.

Time Dry/Air Fluff

This cycle can be used to regulate the drying time. Use with Air Fluff, Delicate, Medium or Regular temperature settings. For timed drying, turn the control dial until the pointer points to the proper time setting in the **Time Dry/Air Fluff** cycle.

Note: Using the Air Fluff temperature setting will require a longer drying time.

Damp Dry (select models)

Damp Dry is located on the Time Dry/Air Fluff section of the dial. It is designed to partially dry items and can be used with any temperature selection. Damp Dry will provide 20 minutes of tumbling time, followed by 10 minutes of cool-down tumbling.

STEP 4

Push the Control Dial in to Start

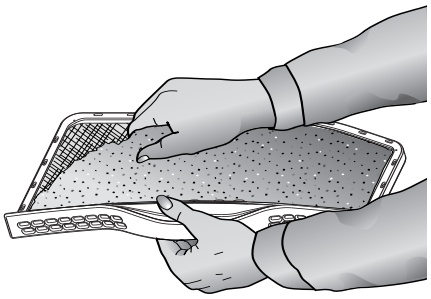
Push the control dial *in* to start the dryer. The dryer door must be closed for the dryer to start.

Note: The dial can be turned in either direction to select a cycle. Once started, the dial will not advance at a specific rate during the Auto Dry cycles. At first the dial may not advance at all. Toward the end of the cycle (when the load begins to dry), the dial will advance at a more regular rate and much more quickly. This is normal operation.

Operating Tips

Clean the Lint Filter

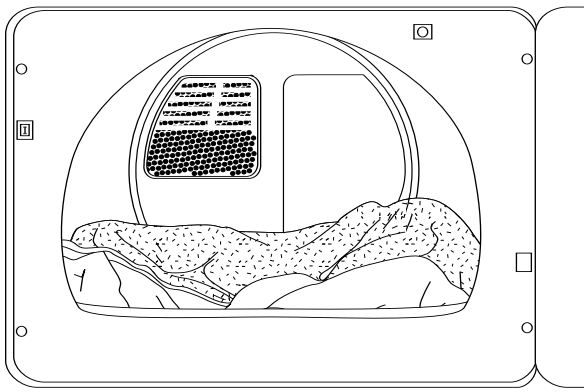
- After each load.
- To shorten drying time.
- To operate more energy efficiently.



Note: **Do not** operate the dryer without the lint filter in place.

Load the Dryer Properly

- The dryer total capacity is 10.1 kg. However, for best results we recommend 8 kg for each drying cycle.
- Place only one washload in the dryer at a time.
- Mixed loads of heavy and lightweight clothes will dry differently. Lightweight clothes will dry, while heavy clothes may be damp.
- Add one or more similar items to the dryer when only one or two articles need drying. This improves the tumbling action and drying efficiency.
- Overloading restricts tumbling action, resulting in uneven drying as well as excessive wrinkling of some fabrics.
- When drying large, bulky items such as a blanket or comforter, it may be necessary to reposition the load during the cycle to ensure even drying.

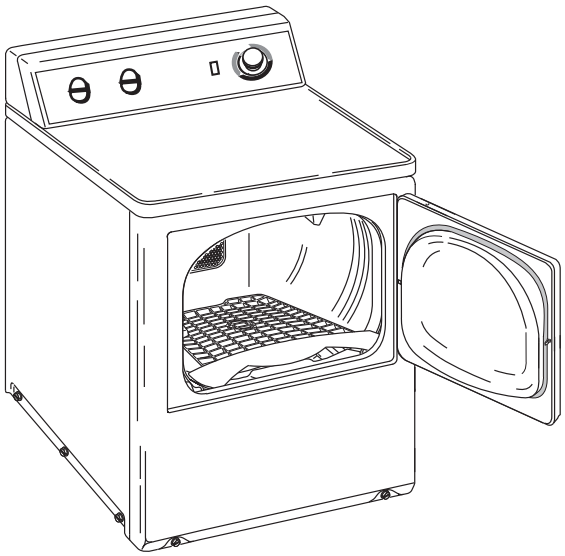


Accessories

Optional Drying Rack

Select dryer models are equipped with a drying rack. The drying rack is useful for drying items that require no-tumble drying, such as tennis shoes, sweaters, stuffed toys or other delicate items.

Note: The Drying Rack is available when not included with your dryer. See your dealer to order.



Care & Cleaning

Control Panel

Clean with a soft, damp cloth. **Do not** use abrasive substances.

Tumbler

Remove any stains such as crayon, ink pen or fabric dye from new items (such as towels or jeans) with an all-purpose cleaner. Then tumble old towels or rags to remove any excess stain or cleaning substance. Once these steps are done, stains may still be visible, but should not transfer to subsequent loads.

Cabinet

Wipe off any marks with soap and water. Use an appliance wax once a year if desired.

Dryer Exhaust System

Inspect and clean once a year to maintain optimum performance. The outside exhaust hood should be cleaned more frequently to ensure proper operation. (Refer to the Installation Instructions for more information.)

Special Laundry Tips

Please follow the care label or manufacturer's instructions for drying special items. If care label instructions are not available, use the following information as a guide.

ITEM	LAUNDERING TIPS
Bedspreads and Comforters	• Follow the care label instructions or dry on the **Regular** cycle. • Be sure the item is thoroughly dry *before* using or storing. • May require repositioning to ensure even drying.
Blankets	• Dry only one blanket at a time for best tumbling action. • Be sure the item is thoroughly dry *before* using or storing.
Curtains and Draperies	• Select the **Wrinkle Control** cycle to help minimize wrinkling. • Dry in small loads for best results and remove as soon as possible.
Cloth Diapers	• Select the **Regular** cycle for soft, fluffy diapers.
Down-Filled Items *(jackets, sleeping bags, comforters, etc.)*	• Select the **Regular** cycle and a **Delicate** temperature setting. • Place a clean pair of sneakers in the dryer with the item to fluff the down comforters, etc. Adding a couple of dry towels shortens dry time and absorbs moisture.
Foam Rubber *(rug backs, stuffed toys, certain shoulder pads, etc.)*	• **Do not** dry on a heat setting. Select the **Time Dry/Air Fluff** (no-heat) cycle. • ⚠ **WARNING** – Drying a rubber item with heat may damage it or be a fire hazard.
Pillows	• **Do not** dryer-dry kapok or foam pillows. • Select the **Regular** cycle. • Add a couple of dry towels and a pair of clean sneakers to help the tumbling action and to fluff the item.
Plastics *(shower curtains, outdoor furniture covers, etc.)*	• Select the **Time Dry/Air Fluff** cycle on a **Delicate** or **Air Fluff** temperature depending on the care label instructions.

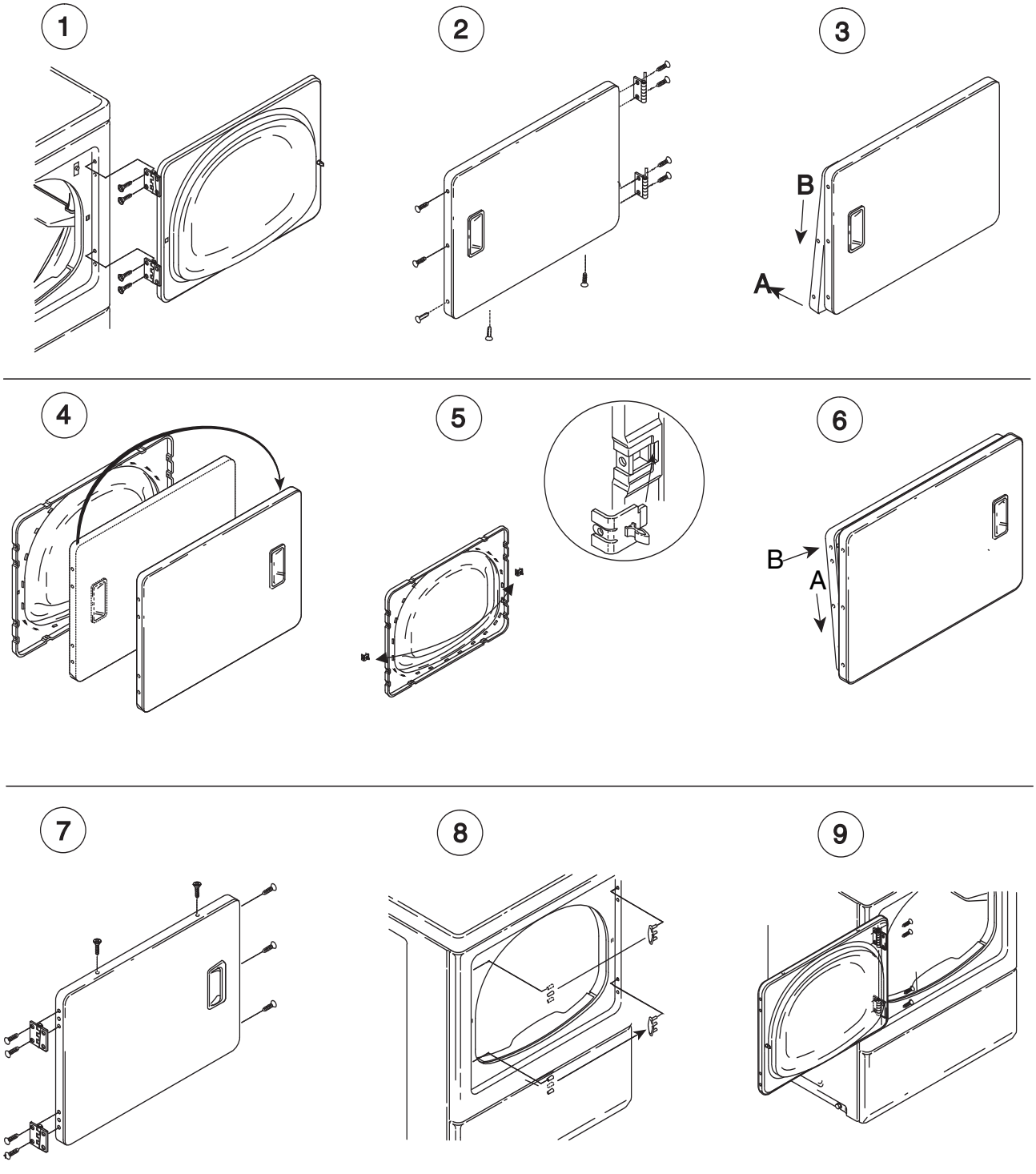
IMPORTANT: **Avoid Dryer Drying . . .**
- Fiberglass Items (curtains, draperies, etc.).
- Woolens, unless recommended on the label.
- Vegetable- or cooking-oil soaked items (see fire hazard warning, page 1).

Reversing the Door

Reversing the Door

Follow these steps to reverse the door:

1. Remove four hinge-attaching screws.
2. Remove all nine screws from door and hinges.
3. Pull bottom of door liner out (A), then pull down (B), removing door liner from door panel.
4. Rotate door panel 180° as shown.
5. Remove door strike from door liner and reinstall on opposite side.
6. Insert liner under flange on bottom of door (A), then push top of door liner into place (B).
7. Reinstall nine screws removed in Step 2.
8. Using screwdriver, remove two door plugs and reinstall on opposite side of door opening.
9. Reinstall four hinge-attaching screws removed in Step 1.



Dryer Exhaust Tips

⚠ WARNING

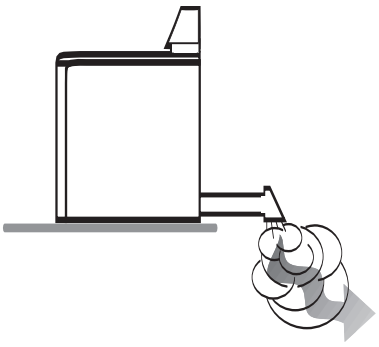
Plastic or non-metal flexible duct presents a potential fire hazard.

Do

Read the Installation Instructions and the Use and Care Guide.

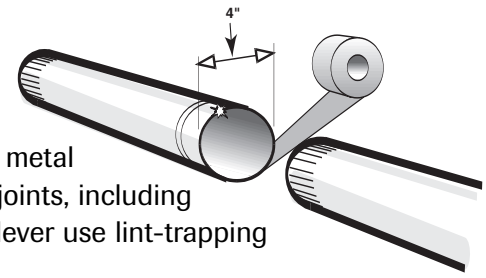
Do

Let your dryer exhaust the air easily.



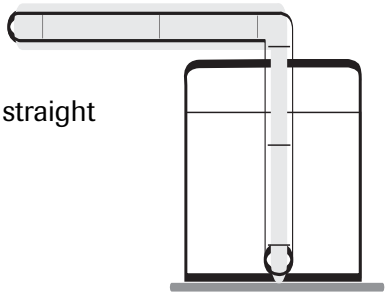
Do

Use 100 mm (4 inch) diameter rigid metal duct. Tape all joints, including at the dryer. Never use lint-trapping screws.



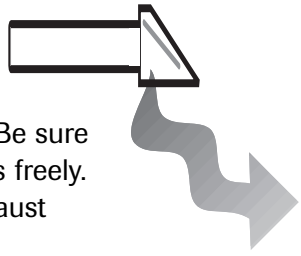
Do

Keep duct runs as straight as possible.



Do

Clean all old ducts *before* installing your new dryer. Be sure vent flap opens and closes freely. Inspect and clean the exhaust system annually.

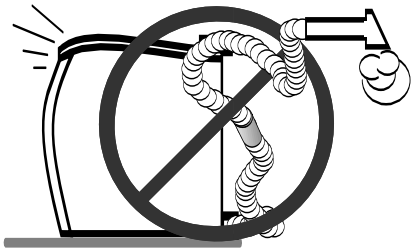


Don't

Let a poor exhaust system cause slow drying.

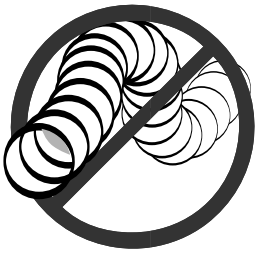
Don't

Restrict your dryer with a poor exhaust system.



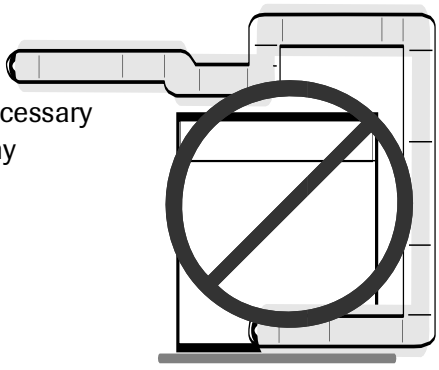
Don't

Use plastic, thin foil, or non-metal flexible duct.



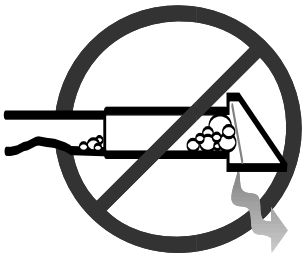
Don't

Use longer than necessary duct runs with many elbows.



Don't

Allow crushed or clogged ducts and vent.



Troubleshooting

Doesn't Run	• Be sure the door is shut. • Check to make sure the electrical cord is plugged in. • Check fuse or reset circuit breaker. • Push the control dial *in* again if the door was opened during the cycle.
Doesn't Heat	• Check fuse or reset circuit breaker. • Select a heat setting, not Air Fluff. • Check that the gas supply is on for gas dryers. • Clean the lint filter and exhaust duct. • Dryer timer may have moved into the cool-down portion of the cycle.
Doesn't Dry Properly	**Check all of the above, plus . . .** • Check the exhaust hood outside the house, make sure it opens and closes freely. • Check exhaust system for lint buildup. Ducting should be inspected and cleaned annually. • Use rigid 100mm (4") metal exhaust duct. • **Do not** overload. 1 wash load = 1 dryer load. • Sort heavy items from lightweight items. • Large, bulky items like blankets or comforters may require repositioning to ensure even drying. • Check the washer to be sure it is draining properly to extract water from the load. • Clothes load is too small to tumble properly. Add a few towels.
Is Noisy	• Check the load for objects such as coins, nails, etc. Remove promptly from dryer. • It is normal to hear the dryer gas valve or heating element cycle on and off during the drying cycle. • The dryer should be level and installed on a solid floor. • A clicking noise may be the timer advancing. • It is normal for the dryer to hum due to the high velocity of air moving through the dryer drum and exhaust system.
Control Knob Advances Slowly (select models)	• This is normal operation for an Auto Dry cycle, especially at the beginning of cycle. Once the load begins to dry, the control knob will start to advance. The rate of advancement will be slow at the beginning of the cycle because there is more moisture in the load. As the load becomes more dry, the control knob will advance more quickly.
Dries Unevenly	• Seams, pockets and other similar heavy areas may not be completely dry when the rest of the load has reached the selected dryness level. This is normal. Select the **More Dry** setting if desired. • If one heavy item is dried with a lightweight load, such as one towel with sheets, it is possible that the heavy item will not be completely dry when the rest of the load has reached the selected dryness level. Sort heavy items from lightweight items for best drying results.
Has an Odor	• Household odors such as from painting, varnishing, strong cleaners, etc. may enter the dryer with the surrounding room air. This is normal as the dryer draws the air from the room, heats it, pulls it through the tumbler and exhausts it to the outside. When these odors are present in the air, ventilate the room completely *before* using the dryer.